

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in the current application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent claims.

**Summary of Examiner Interview**

Initially, Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Connolly for his time during the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 telephonic interview. Applicant's representative discussed the outstanding Office Action and the cited references with Examiner Connolly. Examiner Connolly has agreed that the claims distinguish over the current art of record as set forth in the Reply filed on February 19, 2004.

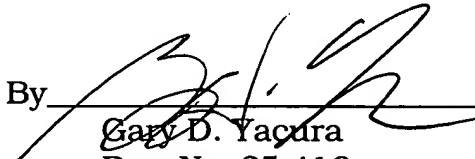
Applicant directs the Examiner to the previously filed response for detailed remarks concerning the argued distinctions.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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